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1. The locomotive factory near Novocheerlask is located 35 km from that town on the Rostov-Novocherlask-Moscow Railway Line.
2. The factory employs 2,500 Soviet workers and about 700 PWs. They work in two shifts. Approximately 2,600 men work from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm; and about 600 men are on the 8:00 pm to 8:00 am shift.
3. The factory was destroyed by the Germans during the war but has since been rebuilt. Its reconstruction proceeded at a slow pace, since there was a shortage of skilled workers and inefficient use was made of the materials at hand for reconstruction.
4. Moscow ordered that the first locomotive must be completed by 1 December 1946.
5. To speed up production of electric motors, a prominent German engineer from the Siemens factories in Berlin was brought to the factory, and toward the end of 1947 the production of motors began.
6. By 15 February 1948, the locomotive assembly shop had not yet been sufficiently repaired to permit the assembly of locomotives.
7. The electric locomotives to be produced here are to be used in the Don region on the Baku-Batum-Moscow line, and on the Moscow-Ural lines.
8. The Soviets have been experiencing difficulties with electric locomotives, since the beddings of these lines are not suited to the high speed of electric locomotives and trains.

Comment: No information given as to whether this is north or south of Novocherkassk.

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